

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 9-10 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 9-10 and 26, and claim 31 has been withdrawn.

Claims 1-30 are pending for consideration.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-10 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to correct the problems with insufficient antecedent bases. Claim 26 has been amended to recite “sawtooth-like gear teeth” rather than “saw teeth.” Page 40 of the specification describes sawtooth-like gear teeth shown in Fig. 17. “Sawtooth” may be defined as “having a jagged or zigzag outline, or course; serrate.” (THE AMERICAN HERITAGE COLLEGE DICTIONARY 1215 (3d ed. 2000).)

Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-30 is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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